

## LEMONADE ONLY.

Our German Baptist brethren have at last come to realize the fact that their Annual Meetings have created a traffic which is nothing short of a desecration of things sacred and especially of the Sabbath. Brother Enoch Eby, in the last *Gospel Messenger*, reminds the readers of that paper that the traffic in luxuries on the Sabbath must be stopped on the A. M. grounds; also photographing which churches are using as an advertising medium. He farther says:

We might also name different kinds of merchandise and inventions, all of which might reasonably be subjected to the scourge of small cords, used by the Savior in cleansing the temple.

In a brief editorial the *Messenger* approves the statements made by Brother Eby, with this one exception: He thinks the sale of lemonade should be continued because "in a strange land one could hardly find a more healthful drink." How about water, brother? There is no more wholesome drink than water, and surely it can always be had in "a strange land" and that without violating the laws of the Sabbath. We are pleased however to note this evidence of progress in the right direction. The traffic on A. M. grounds has been a wonder to us for many years. That a religious people who claim to be a peculiar people, odd from the world, keeping aloof from its fashions, should resort to so many worldly methods during the period of its Annual Conferences, is an inconsistency which we never could understand. On the very grounds where laws against the fashions and all forms of worldliness are passed, there, under the auspices and superintendence of these law makers themselves, worldly methods are resorted to for pecuniary purposes. We say it not for the purpose of criticising, but because we believe it to be true, that among Protestant denominations, there is not another one whose annual conferences are characterized with the same degree of worldliness in its multiplicity of forms, as that of the German Baptists. These people have always discouraged photographing, and yet the grounds, the buildings and committees are photographed and the photographs used as a money making scheme. We have in our possession a large pamphlet containing the report of the dedicatory services of a German Baptist church in Northern Dakota. It contains the sermon and prayers delivered on the occasion, and a number of half tone cuts made from photographs taken at the time of the communion service. Brethren

and sisters in their plain attire, standing on the steps of the church, immediately after communion services, posed for their portraits from which these cuts are made, and the Railroad Company is using them for the purpose of advertising their lands in Northern Dakota. Railroad Companies as a rule are not religious institutions, and this peculiar combination with the German Baptist church is quite significant. The passages of Scripture, such as "Be not conformed to this world," and "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers," and others of a similar nature, so often quoted by these people as a basis for their peculiarity, these Scriptures we say, must lose all their force as applied to them, in the light of their union with Railroad Companies for pecuniary purposes. Where is the consistency? To say the least there is large room here for a fuller development of the principle of non-conformity to the world. Nonconformity to the world in the matter of dress and conformity in the matter of business, is neither good policy nor good religion.

## Personal Mention.

The Brethren at Auburn, Ind., have been blest with a very fruitful ingathering by the pastor, Brother Palmer. Ten accessions.

Brother Hetric reports a meeting held at Oakland, Pa., which resulted in five accessions. Brother Wampler conducted the meeting.

Brother M. S. White reports nine accessions at Gretna, Ohio. The meeting continued for several weeks and closed with excellent interest.

Brother J. H. Palmer closed a very successful meeting at Roanoke, Ind., with fifteen accessions. This is quite a victory for the brethren at that point.

Brother J. M. Fox closed a meeting at North Manchester, Ind., with twenty accessions. Brother Fox is pastor of this church and is doing excellent work.

A letter from Brother Yoder dated March 18, says: "We organized at Goshen yesterday. Brother Rench was with us. We are having accessions right along. Praise the Lord."

Brother Zed H. Copp closed a very successful meeting at Waynesboro, Pa., resulting in twelve accessions, five by baptism and seven reconsecrated. This is a good point for the Brethren church.

It is with a sad heart that we chronicle the sudden death of our dear Brother Miller, father of W. H. and J. Allen Miller. As we go to press we know nothing of the particulars. Will appear next week.

The work in Chicago under the leadership of Brother McFaden is a grand success. Accessions weekly. Since the last report nine have been baptized. This work must have the undivided support of the whole church.

We are sorry to hear of the death of our Brother Brumbaugh, a faithful minister in the Brethren

church. He served the church well and has gone to reap his reward. The Lord comfort and sustain the bereaved family.

Brother Pullin, of Paradise, Oregon, has been doing some successful missionary work at Springdale, Washington, where he held a meeting and organized a church with nine members. Five were received by baptism, two by relation and two by letter. The outlook for the Brethren church at this place is good.

Brother J. F. Koontz keeps up a continual revival in his congregation. He has the right idea as to how a congregation should be built up. There is scarcely a Sabbath but that some conversions are reported. Thursday, the 11, two young men were baptized, and on Sabbath evening the 14, two more came forward to receive baptism. Brother Koontz is doing a good work.

Darwin, Ind., is a new point for the Brethren. We do not remember having reported any news from this place, but now Brother Teeter surprises the whole brotherhood by the announcement in this issue of a meeting which he closed there resulting in thirty accessions. Brother Teeter does not say much but when he talks it counts. This meeting must be regarded as a great victory for the Brethren over which we greatly rejoice.

Brother J. M. Bowman began work at Troy, Ohio, Feb. 23, and when last heard from three had been received by baptism and five reclaimed. In a private letter, speaking about the work, Brother Bowman says, "It is not nearly so hard to get people baptized as it is to get them to abide in Christ and to be subject to the will of God, and to go forward to do his will." This statement furnishes food for thought on the part of our ministers.

A postal card from Brother Lyon, of Washington, D. C. says: "Since I last wrote you we have been encouraged by the presence of brother J. C. Cassel of Philadelphia and brother J. M. Freedland of Terra Alta, W. Va. Their visit was much appreciated. Sister Vianna Detwiler of Ridgely, Md., has recently come to us as a 'helper in the Gospel,' and her work is already telling. We feel greatly encouraged. Church services are well attended and Sunday-school growing very nicely." We are pleased to hear this good news from our Washington Mission.

## MISTAKES.

Some one says that men make fourteen mistakes. 1, "It is a great mistake to set our own standard of right and wrong." 2, "to judge people accordingly." 3, "to measure the enjoyment of others by our own." 4, "to expect uniformity of opinion in this world." 5, "to look for judgment and experience in youth." 6, "to endeavor to mould all dispositions alike." 7, "to yield to immaterial trifles." 8, "to look for perfection in our own actions." 9, "to worry ourselves and others with what cannot be remedied." 10, "not to alleviate all that needs alleviation, so far as lies in our power." 11, "not to make allowance for the infirmities of others." 12, "to consider everything impossible that we can not perform." 13, "to believe only what our finite minds can grasp," and 14, "to be able to expect to understand everything."